

Spatially and Temporally Resolved Modeling of Parabolic Trough Plants and Adaptation of **greenius**

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Introduction to PARESO Project – **greenius** Adaptation

Goal of PARESO project (WP 6):

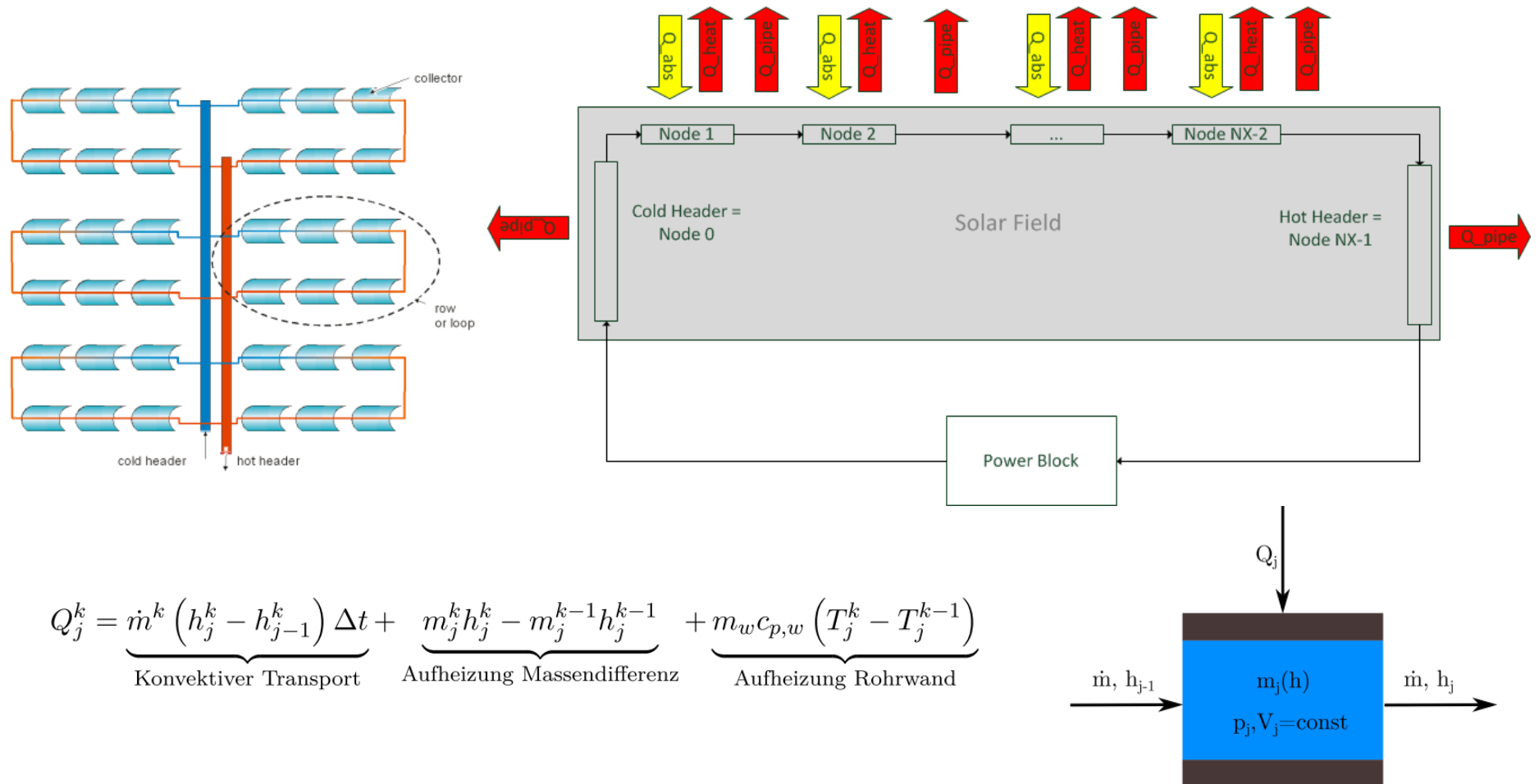
- Modeling of parabolic trough field with **damaged receivers**
- Investigate repair / replacement strategies

Special requirements for greenius

- **Spatially inhomogeneous** collector loops
- **Temporal variation** of optical and thermal receiver quality
- **Additional investments for repair** at specific points in time $t+1$ possible
- Calculation of **each** operating year



Loop Divided into Nodes



→ Adaptation of enhanced model (DSG) for single phase fluids



Definition of Heat Loss Coefficients

$$\eta_{collector} = K \cdot \eta_{opt,0} \cdot \eta_{cleanliness} - \left(K \cdot b_0 \cdot \Delta T + \frac{b_1 \cdot \Delta T + b_2 \cdot \Delta T^2 + b_3 \cdot \Delta T^3 + b_4 \cdot \Delta T^4}{DNI} \right)$$

ET 2 with PTR70 2009_DSP_eta_opt_col variabel

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Collector Assembly

Simple Assembly Characteristics

b_0 b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4 EtaOpt,0

General Information and Dimensions

Name: ISP_eta_opt_col variabel

Type: ☒ Trough ☐ Fresnel

Collector length: 148.50 m

Aperture width: 5.76 m

Effective mirror area: 817.50 m²

Focal length: 1.71 m

HCE diameter: 0.0655 m

Nom. opt. efficiency: 50.00 %

Thermal Parameters

Specific HCE mass: 3.78 kg/m

HCE heat capacity: 0.153 Wh/kgK

Heat Loss Coefficients

Coefficient b0: 0 /K

Coefficient b1: 0.03298 W/(m²K)

Coefficient b2: 0 W/(m²K²)

Coefficient b3: 0 W/(m²K³)

Coefficient b4: 1.356E-9 W/(m²K⁴)

Incidence Angle Modifier

☒ Equation ☐ Tabulated values

Coefficient a1: 0.000525 1/°

Coefficient a2: 2.86E-5 (1/°)²

Coefficient a3: 0 (1/°)³

Graph Options

Angle of incidence

OK

Calculating...

Parabolic Trough Operation... Year 2 of 25

34%

Passed calculation time: 2.64 s Remaining calculation time: 5.23 s

Break Calculations

ET 2 with PTR70 2009_DSP

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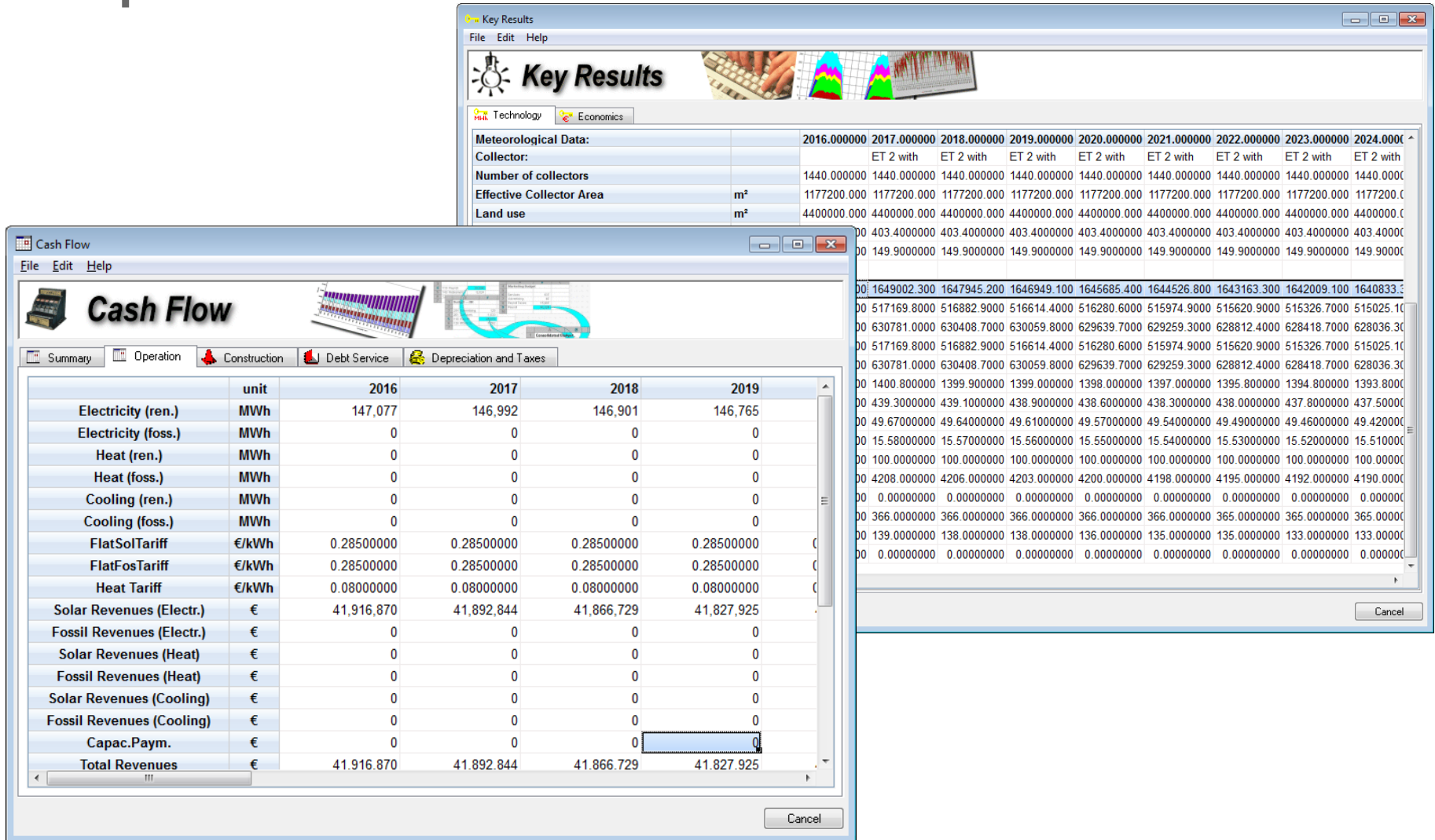
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Node 15	0.03298	0.0336396	0.034312392	0.03499864	0.035698613	0.036412585	0.037140837

OK Apply Cancel

Output of Results



Automatisation of Greenius

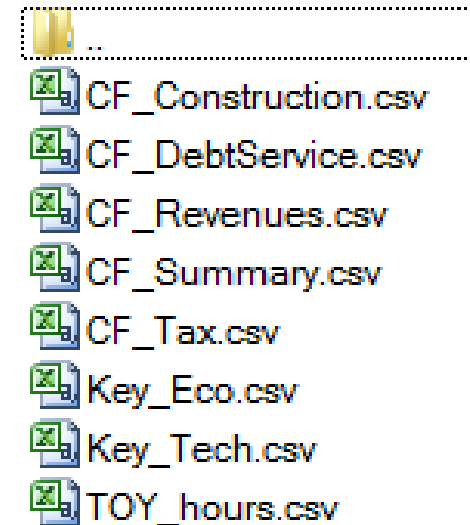
- High Computational Effort
 - Spatial resolution
 - Calculation of each operational year
 - Parameter Variations

- Use console start of **greenius**

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cd d:\Programme\Greenius
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greenius.exe d:\projectFile.gpj d:\outputPath\
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- Modification of project files (*.gpj / *.gpa)
- Start **greenius** simulations
- Analyse results / plot data



Matlab



Technical Background of Receiver Replacement Study, Methodology and Results

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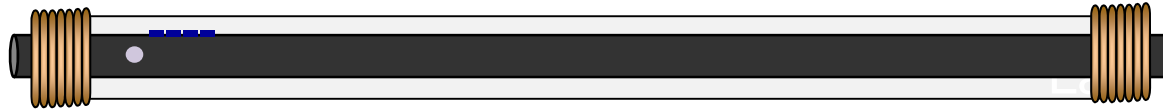
Knowledge for Tomorrow

Overview

1. **MOTIVATION** of Study
2. **REFERENCE** Parabolic Trough Plant
3. **SCENARIOS** for Receiver Performance Loss
4. **METHODOLOGY & SOFTWARE** greenius + Matlab
5. **RESULTS**



1. MOTIVATION of Study



Field heat losses are between **7%** (Jordan, Ma'an) and **10%** (Guadix, Spain) of the collected solar energy (Eurotrough-type, 70mm absorber, HTF: Oil)

Receiver design lifetime is **20-40 years**

However, lifetime may be reduced by

- Different maturity of products
- Limited experience in operation
- Increasing temperatures and new fluids
- Wind events with glass breakage

In case of failure, receiver heat loss may be increased by a **factor 5 to 10**

Objective of study: Energetic and economic impact of different receiver performance loss scenarios



2. REFERENCE Parabolic Trough Plant

Technology

Modern **150-MW_{el}** **parabolic trough plant** in **Ma'an**, Jordan (DNI 2820 kWh/m²a)

7.5h-molten salt storage

360 loops of **high-quality collectors** ($\eta_{\text{opt}} = 0.78$) (Eurotrough-geometry)

51'840 receivers (totaling 207 km), either standard or with Xe-capsule (+1.3% solar field cost est.)

Turbine 150 MW, efficiency 38.5%

Dry cooling, no fossil firing

Economy

Investment costs 4 M€/MW_{el}

Annual O&M + Ins.: 2.4%*I

Discount rate 6%, 25% equity, 75% debt (5% interest rate), 25 yrs operation

→ **LEC 11.3 €cent/kWh_{el}**



3. SCENARIOS for Receiver Performance Loss

Event

“**Wind A/B**” Wind event destroying glass envelopes

“**H₂**” Hydrogen accumulation

“**AR**” Anti-reflection coating degradation

Affected Field

50% (H₂) or **100%** (AR) of field

Limits of field (**5.6%**, Wind)

Variation of *point in time* when damage occurs

sudden event year **t=5, 10, or 15**

gradual damage (AR) **1..5, 1..10, 1..15**

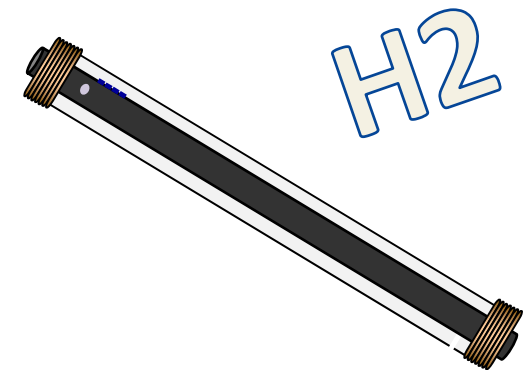
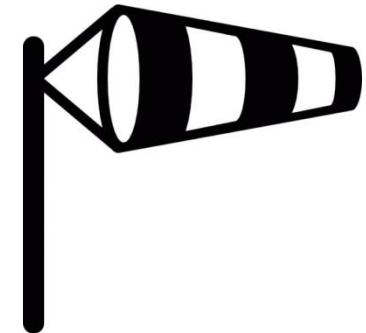
Different counter measures (full performance in year t+2)

“**Leave**” damaged receivers (do nothing)

“**Replace**” damaged receivers

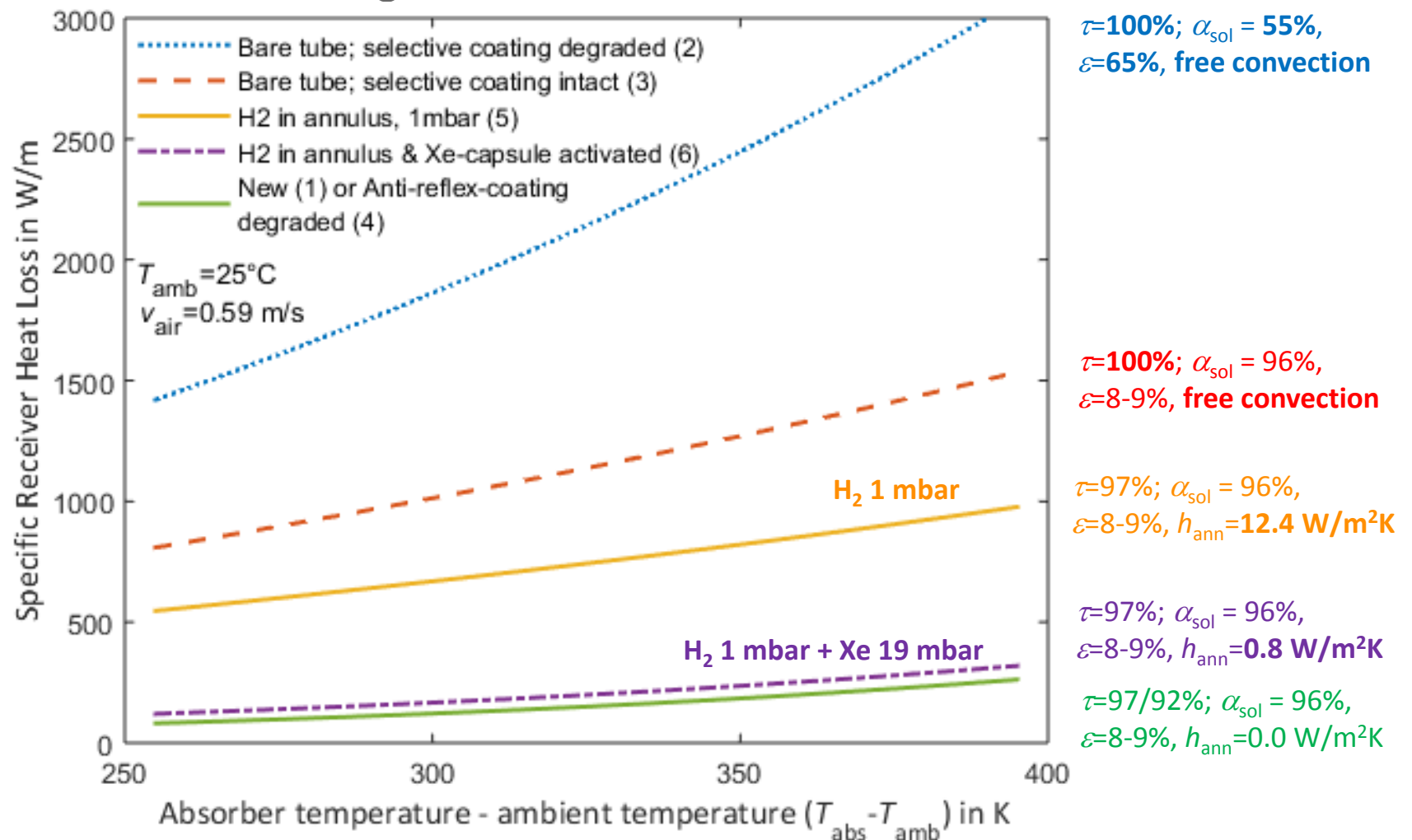
Activate “**Xenon**” capsule (H₂ accumulation)

“**Fix**” receivers (H₂ accumulation)



3. SCENARIOS for Receiver Performance Loss

Heat Loss of Regarded Receivers



4. METHODOLOGY

Main_StartGreeniusCmd.m

PATHS

Working Path D:\DLR\90_Veröffentlichungen\2015_greenius_UserConference_Pareso
Project Name 'H2A_t10_R_trial'
PARESO-Toolbox-Path D:\SVN\SFMatlabTools\IR_TransThermo\GreenParesoToolbox_v1.0
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SOLAR FIELD DEF.

mat Matrix with Receiver_Type // agefaktor_epsilon // agefaktor_tau*alpha // colfrom // colto // yr_from // yr_to
fak Value containing eta_opt_col, bereinigt durch Receiverigenschaften

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RECEIVER PROPERTY DATABASE

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b0, b1, b2, b3, b4

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tau, alpha



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PREPARE greenius FILES

Greenius Project File *.gpj
 Collector File *.gpa

b0 matrix
 b1 matrix
 b2 matrix
 b3 matrix
 b4 matrix

eta_opt_col
 matrix

Thermal Prop. = $f(\text{Loc}, \text{Time})$

Optical Prop. = $f(\text{Loc}, \text{Time})$

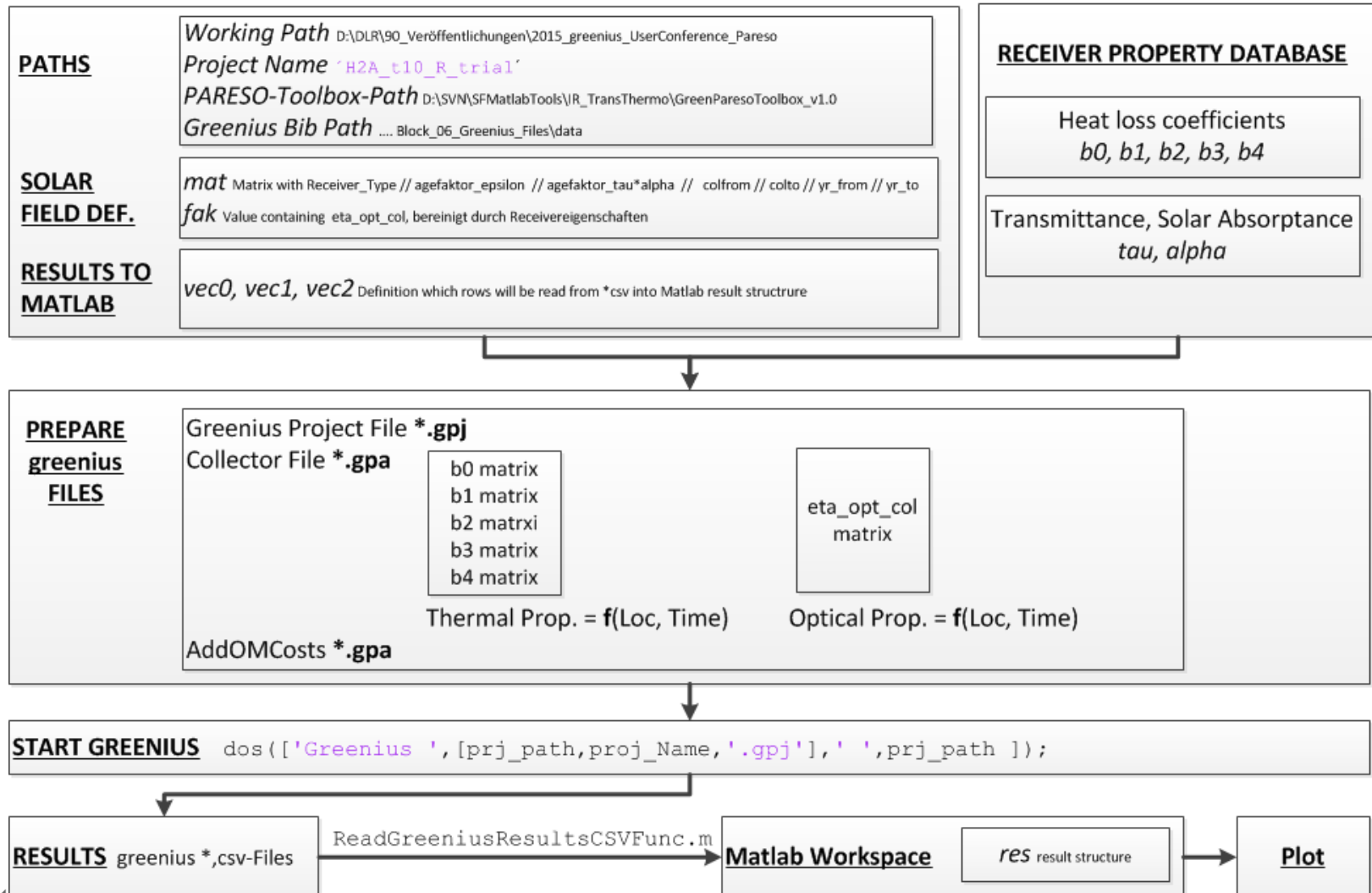
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4. METHODOLOGY

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4. METHODOLOGY

Matlab workspace res.TEC und res.ECO with results

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Command Window
Did you mean:
>> res.TEC

ans =

    TOT_Annual_thermal_field_output: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Solar_annual_net_electr_output: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Solar_annual_gross_electr_output: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Total_annual_net_electr_output: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Total_annual_gross_electr_output: [1x1 double]
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    TOT_Mean_annual_field_efficiency: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Mean_system_efficiency: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Solar_share: 100
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Command Window
>> res.ECO

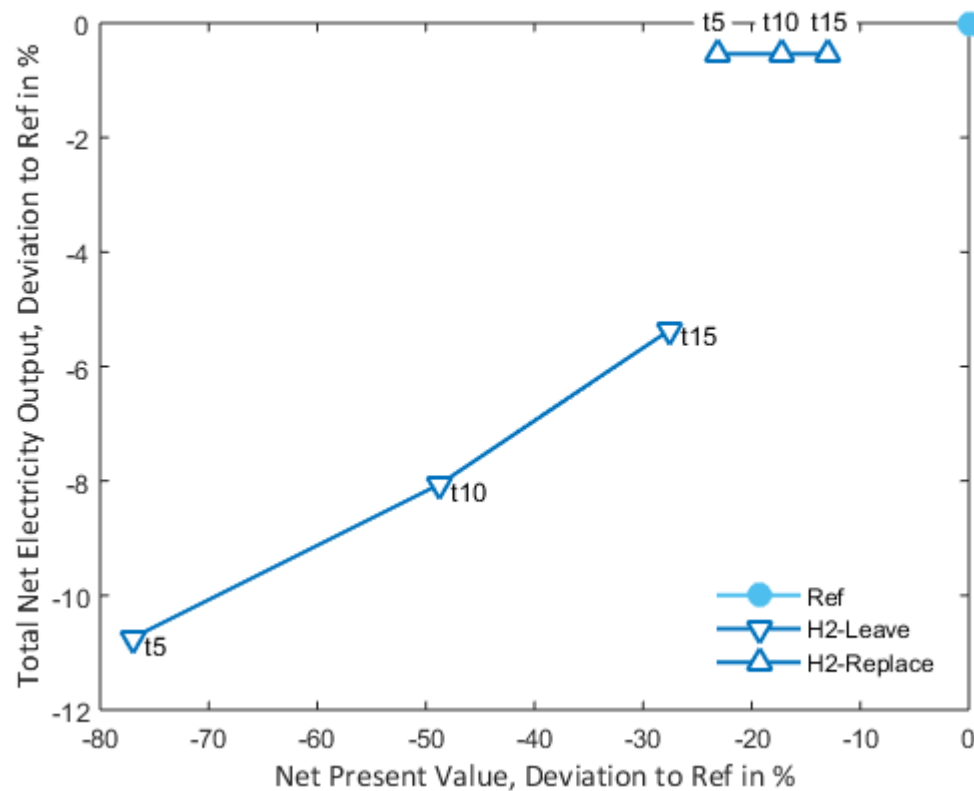
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    Average_Interest_Rate: 5
    Internal_Rate_of_Return_IRR_on_Equity: [1x1 double]
    Net_Present_Value: [1x1 double]
    Payback_Period: [1x1 double]
    Discounted_Payback_Period: [1x1 double]
    Levelized_Electricity_Costs_LEC: [1x1 double]
    Discounted_Investment_Costs_IC: [1x1 double]
    Discounted_Running_Costs_OC: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Total_Revenues: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Total_Running_Costs: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Equity_Funding: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Post_Finance_CF: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Post_Tax_CF: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Discouted_CF: [1x1 double]
    TOT_Disc_Equity_Inj: [1x1 double]
    TOT_EquityDividends: [1x1 double]
    Year: [27x1 double]
    Total_Revenues: [1x27 double]
    Total_Running_Costs: [1x27 double]
    Equity_Funding: [1x27 double]
    Post_Finance_CF: [1x27 double]
    Post_Tax_CF: [1x27 double]
    Discounted_CF: [1x27 double]
    Disc_Equity_Inj: [1x27 double]
    EquityDividends: [1x27 double]
  
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5. RESULTS

Net Present Value



Maximum electricity production and maximum economic success

→ “Ref”, right top corner

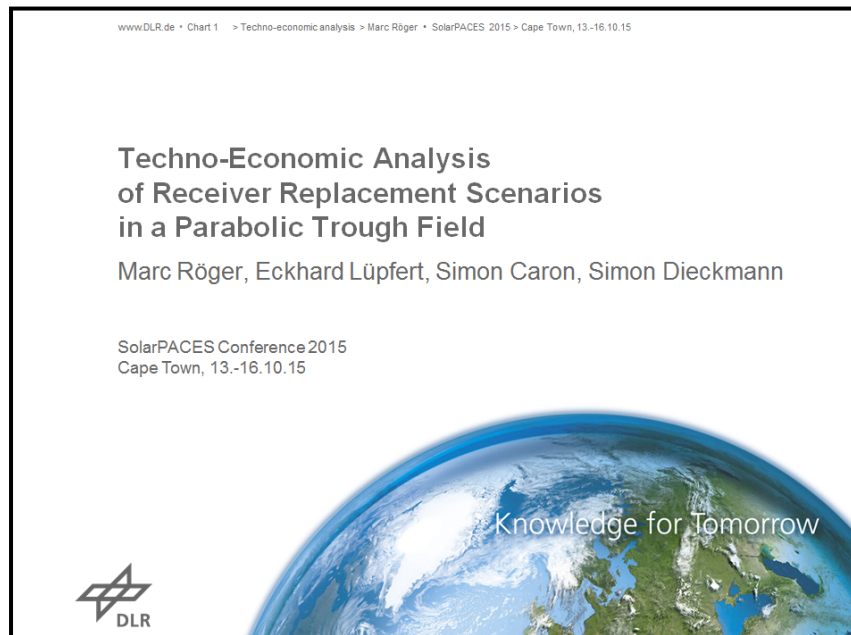
H₂ accumulation may reduce **net present value up to 77%** and total generated **electricity up to 11%** over plant lifetime

Replacement (or fixing) is both **economically and energetically viable**



5. RESULTS

More results will be presented at the
SolarPACES conference 2015
13.-16.10.15, Cape Town



Conclusion

- Successful adaptation of **greenius** for varying heat losses over loop and operating time
 - Similar implementation for public version is planned
➔ *see presentation on current development*
- Console start for **greenius** calculations without GUI
- Matlab can be used to...
 - Set up project files
 - Start simulations
 - Analyse results



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